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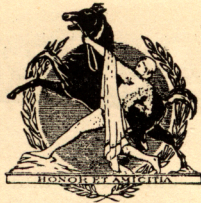
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### **EDITORIAL:** We Have a Birthday.

The Club's new year — 93rd in its history — started this month.

It is pleasant to look back on nearly a century's active life, to take stock of what was and what is.

Sentimental meditation has its virtues. The more important task, however, is to look forward, to keep pace with time and plan as we progress. Living in the past all the time gets no one anywhere—except past recall.

To keep a big club big—big in outlook as well as in physical features—is not enough. The big ideas must be mustered to make it bigger. Even if the size remain for some years, owing to short supply of men and materials, we may still carry up further storeys in attainment of amenities, in promotion of finer camaraderie.

Stature without status does not amount to much. Let us keep both in mind as we step out briskly toward 1952.





## KEEPING POSTED

**J**UST a reminder that the Club Billiard and Snooker Tournaments are not very far away. The Sub-Committee expect that this will be one of the best years ever for the two games, judging by the reports of members practising on the tables. It is hoped particularly that new members will enter the tournaments, and become part and parcel of the Club in friendly competition.

**L**ES HARRISON is a living example of the axiom: that two grown sons plus one bath-room equals a daily swim at Neilson Park.

**G**ENIAL Jim Cromwell is enthusiastic over the pleasantness of his recent holiday. With Mrs. Cromwell, he travelled to West Australia the leisurely way, by the Manoora, and enjoyed every moment of it.

**V**ISITORS and friends: Peter Lucas, here on a visit from Melbourne. Dave Mackie, Jr., the son of the Chairman of Newcastle Tattersall's, down for a week or two. Geoff Morris, over from Adelaide.

**S**TEWART HUGHES, seriously injured in an unusual and most unfortunate accident when on a car-and-caravan holiday down the South Coast, is now in the Royal North Shore Hospital. He is reported to be making good progress. The good wishes of all members will go to him, for his speedy and complete recovery.

**W**HAT our friend and fellow-member, the Reverend George Cowie, has to say on any subject is well worthwhile listening to, whether from the pulpit or in the Club. So there will be many members present at the Fullerton Memorial Church in Crown Street when he conducts his special service for the sporting fraternity of Sydney. The date—Sunday, 11th March; the time—7.15 p.m.

**T**REASURER John Roles is off to Adelaide on 9th February. With H. Hill and C. Davis will make a fine trio to represent the club at Australasian Bowling Championship Carnival. But it's a long way to go for a game of bowls.

**S**ECRETARY Dave Dawson is also hoping to take a short, but well-earned break to Adelaide during February. He will be travelling the pleasantest way, by the Stratheden, stopping a day or two in Melbourne on the voyage down, flying back after a day or two in South Australia.

**B**ACK from a quick trip to New York is Frank Lynch. He walked into the Club again on the 29th of January after being absent for barely twenty-eight days.

**S**INGLE congratulations to Bill Curtis — a son.

**C**ONGRATULATIONS to Lou Tasker, who won the Sledmere Handicap of 6 furlongs, at Randwick on 27th January, with Shelltorn. The filly had a fighting win from Main Sail by half a neck, and showed form that his owner hopes she will reproduce in later races. Lou Tasker also formerly owned a good performer in Vista, with which he won the Carrington a few years ago.

**C**HARLIE BINGHAM is also expecting to take a holiday trip by ship to Adelaide.

## Happy Birthday to You!

### FEBRUARY

1 W. T. Wood	13 H. Norton
2 E. E. Hirst	A. J. Matthews
A. V. Miller	17 W. W. Rogers
5 Dr. R. J. Kristenson	18 H. Israel
6 C. O. Chambers	19 J. D. Hathaway
T. S. Prescott	20 B. Marks
7 C. G. Murray	21 C. E. Fortescue
8 A. J. M. Kelly	22 Eric Steel
9 A. E. Crutenden	25 G. M. Nacard
10 H. Bonomini	27 K. Holmes
R. C. Brown	28 S. Goldhill
	J. K. Monro
	N. Wheeler

### MARCH

2 F. J. Herlihy	18 H. R. Leeder
4 Roy Hendy	20 L. R. Harrison
C.M.G.	R. C. Beveridge
H. L. Lambert	21 J. Downman
5 F. J. Carberry	22 E. L. Callaway
6 A. A. Ritchie	Jack Allen
V. C. Bear	J. A. Driscoll
Vincent Carroll	23 T. A. Greaves
J. A. Fraser	25 J. Broadbent
7 M. E. Hazell	Mark Whitby
10 A. G. Collins	26 J. A. Roles
11 J. H. E. Nathan	M. Frank
G. H. Edwards	Albert
A. A. Ray	S. Goldberg
14 G. W. Savage	29 G. J. C. Moore
15 E. A. Moore	31 J. L. McDermott
16 S. A. Willmott	

Members are invited to notify the Secretary of the date of their Birthday.



**T**HIS month one group of members will be going South, another North. Southward-bound will be quite a few of the Club's bowlers, headed for the Bowling Carnival at Adelaide. Northward-bound about the 27th of the month will be the Club cricket team (with supporters), for our annual fixture with Brisbane Tattersall's.

**S**INCE Christmas, two of the Club's amenities have shown great increases in popularity. First, the dinner-dances on the fourth floor on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Second, the booking office on the first floor, which members are now coming to appreciate for the convenience it is.

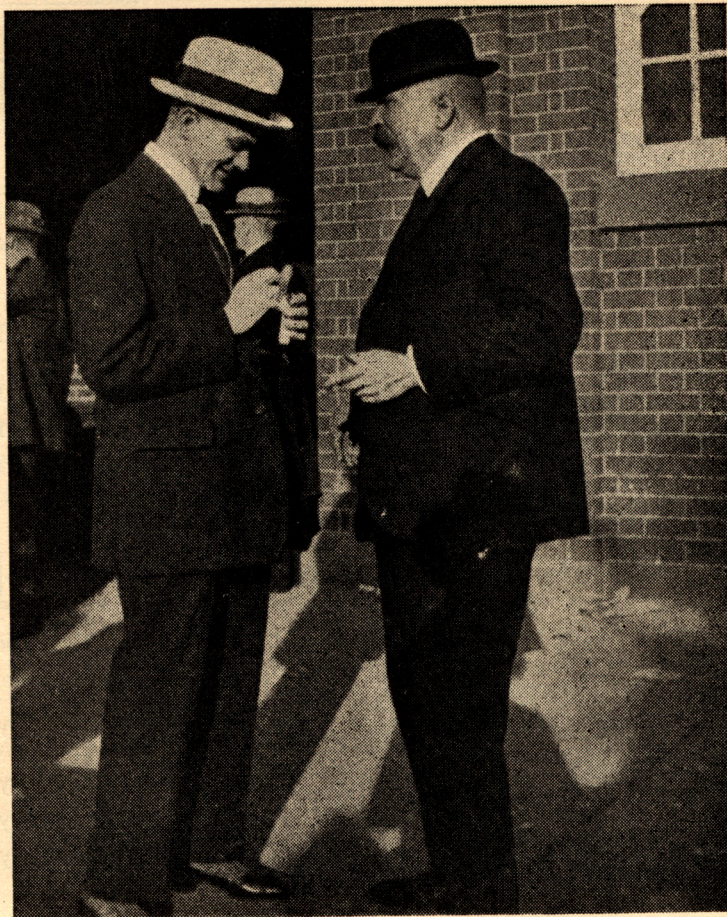
**T**HERE are, we are glad to report, fewer members than usual on the sick list this month.

Among them, W. Leiberman, is reported to be progressing well. All members will join in good wishes to him and to all other friends who are below par.

**M**ORE reports on convalescing members: Les Campbell is making a good recovery; E. E. Davis is himself again; Alan Cortis is still confined to his home.

**A**NOTHER member who has particular good wishes of his many friends is W. T. Ridge, spending a while in St. Lukes.

**T**HE Club's two main elevators have done a good few thousand miles up and down, faithfully carrying members over the years. However, they are now to be replaced with two new lifts of more modern design. During the installation period, members are asked to exercise patience as only one lift will be available for use for a time.



#### AT RANDWICK — in 1922

*This photograph will bring back memories to many of the older members. It shows a previous Secretary of the Club, W. R. Chalmers, talking to Fred Wilson, A.J.C. handicapper. Wilson looked a little younger in those days, but he was as keen a judge of a horse's form.*

**C**ONGRATULATIONS to Sir Edward McTiernan, honoured by the King with a Knighthood in the last Birthday list.

**B**RUCE CAMPBELL well-known to many Club members, is off on a trip to England and the continent and will be missed from that happy sanctuary, the Billiard and Snooker Room.

#### NOTICE

Members are advised that Entries for the Grand Billiards and Snooker Tournaments may be made at the Club Office or in the Billiards Room.

M. D. J. DAWSON  
Secretary.



# TATTERSALL'S CLUB SYDNEY

## GRAND BILLIARDS TOURNAMENT

250 up

<b>FIRST PRIZE</b>	— — — —	<b>Trophy valued £100</b>
(and Canteen of Cutlery presented by J. A. Roles, Esq.)		
<b>SECOND PRIZE</b>	— — — —	<b>Trophy valued £50</b>
<b>THIRD PRIZE</b>	— — — —	<b>Trophy valued £20</b>
<b>FOURTH PRIZE</b>	— — — —	<b>Trophy valued £10</b>

## GRAND SNOOKER TOURNAMENT

All Heats to be decided on One Game only

Semi-Finals and Finals best Two out of Three games

<b>FIRST PRIZE</b>	— — — —	<b>Trophy valued £100</b>
(and Canteen of Cutlery presented by A. J. Matthews, Esq.)		
<b>SECOND PRIZE</b>	— — — —	<b>Trophy valued £50</b>
<b>THIRD PRIZE</b>	— — — —	<b>Trophy valued £20</b>
<b>FOURTH PRIZE</b>	— — — —	<b>Trophy valued £10</b>

The above Tournaments will commence on

### MONDAY, 23rd APRIL, 1951

and will be played in the Club Room on the Standard Table

**Entries close at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, 27th March, 1951**

**Handicaps, 11th April; Draw, 17th April**

Entrance Fee for each Tournament, 10/- to be paid at time of nomination.

To be played under latest Revised Rules. Only one bye allowed. Fresh draw after each round. The Committee reserve the right to re-handicap any player at any stage of either Tournament. Three days' notice will be given to play, or forfeit.

Any member unable to play at or before the time appointed, or such other time as the Billiards Sub-Committee may appoint, shall forfeit to his opponent.

No practice or exhibition game will be allowed on the Tournament table during the progress of the Tournaments, without the approval of the Billiards Sub-Committee.

The Committee reserve the power from time to time to make any alteration, or modification in this programme, alter the time for taking entries and declaration of handicaps.

M. D. J. DAWSON,  
Secretary.

**N.B.—Entries Close at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, 27th March, 1951**



# BOWLING NOTES



**After the Xmas break, our bowlers have again swung into action, and judging by the number of inquiries regarding membership, the 1951 season should be a record one.**

**T**HE final fixture for 1950 was at Waverton Club, where a rink comprising Rex Mitchell, Charlie Young, Alf Bloomfield and Harold Hill were the guests of the Millions Club. They gave a good account of themselves against a rink skippered by Gordon Sargeant.

On January 11 four rinks visited Kensington Bowling Club and played a match against Cinema Industries. A very enjoyable game found Tatts. up in all rinks — a good start for 1951.

## Details

Young, Williams, Widmer, Eaton (T.), 24; Chivers, Smith, Martin, Brennan (C.I.), 20. Bavington, Abbott, Hole, Bloomfield (T.), 24; Williams, Granger, Webster, Barmby (C.I.), 17. Silk, Gillespie, Jones, Chatterton (T.), 23; Macpherson, Nac-caid, Mays, Wilson (C.I.), 20. Lewis, Hathaway, McDonald, Traversi (T.), 28; Nie, Higginson, Laurantus, Hinton (C.I.), 18.

Totals: Tatts. 99, Cinema Industries 75.

Ted Abbott played a game right out of the bag. If he forgets to tell you—ask him.

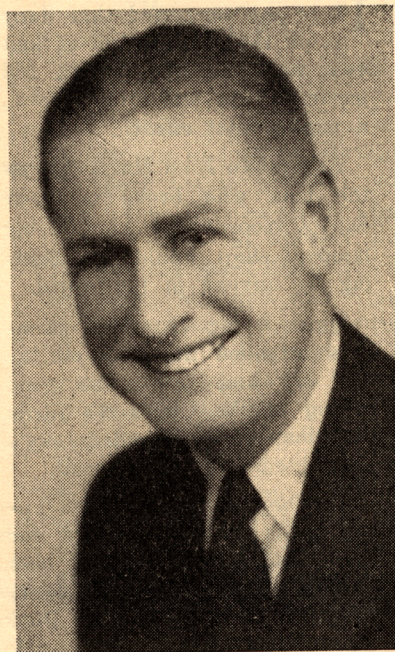
Entries for the second "Teams Competition" are now being called for.

Our Patron, John Hickey, has generously donated the trophies for the winners, and we look for a record field. Handicaps will be posted as soon as entries close and no entrants will be balloted out.

On Thursday, January 18, the third and final "test" against Katoomba was set down for decision, but unfortunately the fixture was washed out. Hon. Sec. Gordon Booth had everything lined up in a most "precise" manner and we were all disappointed that our friends, who were so kind to us during our recent visit to the Mountains, were not with us. However, the match will now take place at Double Bay on February 22, and we fervently hope for fine weather on that occasion.

We welcome to our ranks quite a number of new bowlers—and feel sure they will spend many very enjoyable days with us.

Members are reminded that hatbands, ties, and pocket badges may be obtained from Treasurer Harold Hill. It is most desirable that all players turn out in correct regalia.



## HANDBALL CHAMPION

*George McGilvray, Club Handball champion. His victory in the finals of the Championship in December was reported in last month's magazine.*



## SUB-COMMITTEES

### HOUSE:

John Hickey (Chairman), J. A. Roles (Treasurer), G. Chiene, A. V. Miller, G. J. C. Moore, W. H. Sellen

### BILLIARDS

J. A. Roles (Chairman), A. J. Matthews, W. Longworth, C. E. Young, A. V. Miller

### CARD ROOM STEWARDS:

G. Chiene, A. G. Collins, A. J. Matthews, J. A. Roles

### SWIMMING CLUB:

J. Dexter (Hon. Secretary), A. S. Block, J. Gunton

### HANDBALL:

P. B. Lindsay (Hon. Secretary).

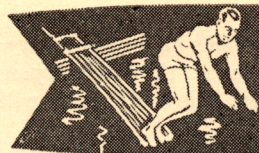
### BOWLING CLUB:

John Hickey (Patron), E. G. Dewdney (President), C. E. Young, J. A. Roles, C. L. Davis, A. Bloomfield (Vice-Presidents). Committee: E. F. Kreiger, C. Traversi, Ken Williams, J. K. Monro, Gordon H. Booth (Hon. Sec.), Harold Hill (Hon. Treas., Asst. Hon. Sec.).

**MAGAZINE COMMITTEE:** John Hickey (Chairman), J. A. Roles,

G. Chiene, A. G. Collins, A. V. Miller, W. H. Sellen.





## IN AND OUT OF THE POOL

### French Champion Races

**January 9 was a big day in the Pool, when Alex Jany, the French champion, and at one time holder of all world's records up to 400 metres, swam in a 40 yards' race.**

**I**T is not suggested that Jany is on the down grade as last year he swam the fastest 100 metres in the world, 56.7 secs., a mighty fast effort.

Australian John Marshall was the man who broke most of Jany's records but Alex, a big lump of chap, would take beating by anyone in the world.

Quite a big crowd of members attended the Pool on the big day and saw some good racing in the Club's 40 yards Handicap which preceded Jany's race.

The boys must thrive on appearances before a crowd for Bill Kendall gave of his best to win a heat well in 18 secs., only 2/5 secs. outside his Pool record, whilst Vic Richards took a heat in 19-3/5 secs. and Carl Phillips another in 19-1/5 secs.

The star event of the day was a 40 yards dash in which Jany gave Kendall a second and Malcolm Fuller and Carl Phillips two.

Jany got away to a good start but Kendall was a bit slow and at the end of the first lap the Frenchman was with Bill but had not caught the other two.

In a stirring battle Jany got to the front about ten yards from the finish and, despite a desperate effort by Kendall, he won by a foot with Carl Phillips very close up third, inches ahead of Fuller.

It was expected that Jany would better Kendall's 17-3/5 secs. Pool record but it just goes to show what a good effort that was as the watch showed 18 secs., the same time as that in which Kendall had won a heat ten minutes earlier.

The month's Point Score was won by John Dexter after a good go with Geoff Eastment, who was a point astern. The two had been level with a race to go and when Dexter only swam second in a heat of the deciding event Eastment could only land a third.

Stu. Murray was third and this consistent swimmer, who always gains a place in the season's Point Score, is working his way to the top again this season.

Geoff Eastment now leads in the 1950-1951 Point Score, two points ahead of George Goldie, a point away being John Dexter with Murray only three further away.

New swimmers who contested their first Point Score events during the month were Rod O'Loan and Vic Bulgin, the latter swimming second in a final first up.

Some of our old members in Carl Phillips, Don Wilson and Bill Williams put in appearances and did well. The Brace Relay expert, Don Wilson, won a Brace Relay Handicap at his first attempt and it's no wonder all

the boys want to draw Don in these events.

Best times of the month were by Bill Kendall, 18 and 18-3/5 secs. Carl Phillips, 19-1/5, Vic Richards, 19-3/5, Alan Stewart, 20-2/5 and 20-3/5, C. Emanuel, 20-3/5, W. B. Phillips, 20-4/5, J. O. Dexter, 21-3/5.

A very promising effort was by Alan Stewart, who won a heat in the smart time of 20-2/5 and later the final in 20-3/5 and is likely to get below 20 any time now.

Max Wayland qualified for a 40 yards final and just before it was swum he notified officials that he felt so well that he should be pulled back a second which, of course, couldn't be done. Max was a good judge as he broke his handicap by 1-4/5 secs. in winning the final. Needless to relate he was docked the second after the final.

In swimming circles outside the Pool the big things of the month were the sterling performances of 15-year-old Barry Darke in the N.S.W. Championships. He broke some of John Marshall's and Garrick Agnew's records but still has some way to go to put himself in a higher bracket than those two champions. At 15 years of age he has plenty of time to do it and looks like it, too.

Young Barry has already put himself into third place in the list of Australian swimmers, ahead of such stars as Robin Biddulph, Noel Ryan and "Boy" Charlton.

Another youngster who is likely to put himself into the records is Rex Aubrey of Parkes, who won the Junior 110 yards title in Australian record time



and later swam a creditable third to Jany and O'Neill in the Open 110 yards.

Tattersall's Club wishes both boys tons of luck.

### Results

9th January—40 yards Handicap—1st Division: W. Kendall (19), 1; G. Eastment (24), 2; K. Donald (25), 3. Time 18-3/5 secs. 2nd Division: J. O. Dexter (22), 1; G. Goldie (33), 2; V. Richards (13), 3. Time 22 secs.

16th January—80 Yards Brace Relay Handicap:—G. Eastment and D. Wilson (51), 1; S. B. Solomon and J. Buckle (54), 2; S. Murray and Neil Barrell (46), 3. Time 49 secs.

23rd January—40 yards Handicap—1st Division—T. M. Wayland (25), 1; V. Bulgin (30), 2; S. Murray (24), 3. Time 23-1/5 secs. 2nd Division: A. Stewart (21), 1; C. Emanuel (21), 2; Neil Barrell (22), 3. Time 20-3/5 secs.

### December-January Point Score

Final results:—J. O. Dexter, 23; G. Eastment, 22; S. Murray, 20½; Neil Barrell, 16; C. Emanuel, 16; G. Goldie, 16; W. G. Dovey, 15½; A. McCamley, 15; P. Lindsay, 14; M. Fuller, 13; V. Richards, 12½; D. Wilson, 12½; C. Hoole, 12; T. M. Wayland, 12; A. K. Webber, 11; S. B. Solomon, 11; K. Donald, 11; A. Stewart, 11.

### 1950-1951 Point Score

Leaders in this series, covering all points scored during the season to 23rd January, were:—G. Eastment, 61; G. Goldie, 59; J. O. Dexter, 58; S. Murray, 55; P. Lindsay, 50; C. Emanuel, 43½; K. Francis, 42½; H. E. Davis, 41; M. Fuller, 39½; D. K. Donald, 39; V. Richards, 39; A. McCamley, 39; C. Hoole, 38½; A. K. Webber, 38; J. Shaffran, 38; G. McGilvray, 38; W. G. Dovey, 36½; W. Kendall, 34½; J. C. Brice, 33; W. B. Phillips, 33; Neil Barrell, 32½; T. M. Wayland, 32.

# Captured by Pirates

**Capt. Tom Chapman, one of our members, has just returned from the Far East after being up there for the past 15 months trading to North China ports and as far South as Siam, and tells of some of the things that are happening around those waters to-day.**

**D**URING a trip from Siam to Hong Kong last August, with a cargo of 4,500 tons of rice, his vessel was boarded by pirates at 4 p.m. Four of the pirates boarded the vessel with rifles and gave orders to take the hatches off whilst one of them came on the Bridge and said he would take the vessel to Lapsami Island. The ship's company were covered all the time with rifles by four of those rough looking Chows. Whilst this was going on Capt. Chapman got in touch with the Naval Commander at Hong Kong and told him of the situation and as all vessels are listening in these days, a Nationalist Destroyer picked up the message and came from behind one of the Islands at full speed. When the pirates noticed the destroyer approaching they immediately cleared out without interfering with anything.

"The Commander of the Nationalist destroyer hailed us and said he would board us. Two officers came on board and read our papers, which were taken out for Formosa but just prior to leaving Siam had orders to proceed to Hong Kong. The Naval Officers were not satisfied with the information that was handed out to them and certainly not satisfied with the ship's papers. They boarded our vessel and ordered us to follow them to the Nationalist Naval Base at Lapsami, which we did. At 7 p.m. we

again got in touch with Naval Commander, Hong Kong, and told him of the position. He immediately said he would send a Naval Vessel, which he did at 11 p.m. The British craft arrived and ordered the Nationalist Naval Base to release our ship and let her proceed to Hong Kong. He escorted us there—much to our relief.

"At a port 200 miles north of Hong Kong, the bombers do their bombing between sunset and sunrise and all vessels leave the port before sundown and rendezvous 12 miles off the coast till daylight. At another port the bombing takes place between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., no work being done between those hours as everybody is standing by to go to the Air Raid Shelters. Not too bad when you know the bombing hours. During the same month two attacks were made on vessels entering Hong Kong and only two miles off were fired on twice in 24 hours, with two direct hits."

Captain Chapman, who was a Sydney Pilot for 25 years, retired in 1940 and finding things quiet on shore, decided to do a bit more roaming and two years ago took a small tug 90 feet long from Sydney to Hong Kong. After being ashore for a couple of months, he decided he would like to taste the salt again and went to Borneo in a small craft. He said now that he has decided to cast anchor and rest on his oars, but don't be surprised to hear of him away again.

Four generations of Chapmans followed the Sea and at present three are still there. Elder son, who is Captain with U.S.S. Co., the younger one a pilot in Newcastle, and a grandson who is a Cadet in an overseas vessel.



# Racecourse Remarks

**"A horse can do no more than win" you often hear said; in fact, it is not uncommon even in the sporting press.**

**B**UT a moment's consideration will show its inaccuracy, as a horse can win in a lot of ways. It can just struggle home and win by a head, or fluke it; it can win cleverly or comfortably, or win well; it can win easily, win by a "minute," or win after a lot of bad luck. All these different degrees of winning require to be considered in assessing the value of the form, so it is strange that the phrase "can only win" should be so loosely used at all.

## Following Horses

When a horse wins that a punter has unsuccessfully backed on a previous occasion, he is very apt to ruminate on the folly of not having followed it up and, of course, on such an occasion he would be justified in somewhat reproaching himself. But here is a word of consolation. The profitableness of following up is only brought home when it comes off, as there is a tendency to forget the large number of losers previously supported that in the next half-dozen starts did not catch the judge's eye. There are plenty of ways of going bankrupt to choose from, but sticking to a horse that has given a bad exhibition is about as sure a way as any. It is, of course, a different thing if a horse runs well without winning, but if you find your judgment is astray in your estimate of the animal's capabilities — and this does sometimes happen—it can be discarded; a form of cutting one's losses.

Judging by reports from married members, ladies are very loyal in sticking to a horse, and particularly so if they win on it once. Incidentally, it is interesting to note the unconscious bias they have towards certain horses. They certainly will not miss at least giving consideration to any competitor with an aristocratic name, such as Prince, Duke, or Sir. And they also have a great leaning to fillies if they have ever shown any form.

## Punters' Pride

Was it not Solomon who said "All Punters are liars?" And, indeed, it is difficult to meet racegoers who own up to losing, though, occasionally, some not too vain individual will confide that he "did no good." There seems to be a sort of stigma attached to losing, though with the numerous chances against the backer there is really nothing to be ashamed of, seeing that only one horse can win; therefore, in a field of say, twenty, there are nineteen different ways of going wrong and only one way of going right — not to speak of bad luck.

## "Backed the Winner"

It is extraordinary the number of people of whom you hear who back the winner, even when an outsider gets home; and though no doubt it may be literally true, it is sometimes not the whole truth. There was the man who said he went to the races and backed the first five winners, and if he had had any money left he would have backed the last. This means that very often some people let it be thought that the winner was their prime selec-

tion when, maybe, it was only a saver.

## After the Event

"I thought it would win" is a wonderfully common remark when a race is over, although it seems inconsistent when coming from people who did not support it. Excuse, however, is reasonable, as the punter is afterwards really apt to think that he thought so. He probably did, to an extent, at one stage of his considering; it is really difficult to decide what your final opinion was in regard to several horses unless you let it be determined by what you put your money on.

What a common thing it is to hear someone say "I backed it," which has really nothing to do with the main part of the reminiscence, but it seems to be a sweet morsel to get in, and in any case it may have been only the narrator's minimum investment, being nothing to talk about.

## Sympathy

If you possess a complex for candour, and after a day's racing happen to mention — to non-racegoers particularly — that you had a "bad day," it almost invariably happens that they laugh, which seems rather unaltruistic on their part. It almost appears that they are glad to hear it. This reminds us of the man who, when asked how he got on, used to reply cynically, "You will be pleased to hear that I lost." He made this a habit, whether it was true or not, his idea being that it was pleasanter to some listeners' ears because it did not provoke their envy. This may not always be true, but there is probably something in the view he took.



# Neil McKenna

## Veteran Owner-Trainer-Jockey

**It would be conservative to estimate that Neil McKenna has bet £500,000 with bookmakers during his lifelong association with the turf. That is a lot of money, but, then, through the years he has been closely associated with men who had a lot of money to indulge in racing; most of his betting was on their account.**

**N**OWADAYS it is seldom that he is asked to place a commission.

This veteran — he qualifies for the title because he is 77 years old—likes to think he is retired.

But when one of the old clients asks the favour he is ready to oblige, and the sharp eyes glister as he slithers through the ring with the characteristic half-run-half-walk and he is back again in the thick of the battle, punter v. bookie.

Facets in the life of this deservedly popular club-man come under these headings: Jockey at 11 years; owner-trainer-jockey at 17 years; political student; local government administrator; charity worker; and, like Abou ben Adhem, a man who loves his fellow men.

This might be a story out of school, but the risk of its being so is taken because it illustrates exactly the character of this man who has maintained a popularity with officials, owners, trainers, jockeys, bookmakers, and that hardest-to-please section of all—the racing pressmen.

It was during his term as secretary of the Owners and Trainers' Association.

There were certain moves afoot which it was considered politic to keep on the secret list.

A secret shared by dozens sooner or later must leak out



*A recent and very characteristic picture of sporting identity Neil McKenna.*

—Photo. courtesy "S.M.H."

and, quite naturally, some Press-man must hear of it.

Neil was appealed to for confirmation of a series of reputed facts which were presented to him.

"Well I'm sorry you've got hold of that, because it was a pretty close secret, but your facts are right, although I can't make any further comment on them," was the reply.

Naturally there was some inquiry from his fellow committeemen into the "leak," and McKenna's reply was all-sufficient.

"I didn't disclose the facts; they were known by So-and-So when he asked me, was it for me to tell him a lie? He asked me to help him by checking whether what he had been told was correct; didn't I have to help?"

It has been natural for Neil McKenna to live in truth and in a spirit of helpfulness with his neighbour.

Jocularly he will say that although he may not have been in trouble in his career on the turf there were times when he should have been.

That may be right, he would be the best judge of that; but if he did those things nobody else remembers them—the balance for good has always been in his favour.

Neil McKenna was 11 years old when he rode his first winner—Lady Carrington in a race at Byrock (N.S.W.).

It meant a lot to him; the world in those days was bounded by the confines of the Byrock district, and he wanted the world to know that the McKenna clan had produced another.

That winner was the incentive to go on, and at 17 he had taken to training as well as riding.

The country became too small for him, and he transferred to Sydney with four horses.

Three of them won at their first starts, and the fourth followed a defeat with a win.

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# BULLFIGHTING

## *Spain's Number One Crowd-pleaser*

**Australian sports—cricket, tennis, football, swimming, athletics, horse-racing—all seem to us the natural thing to do. But that, of course, is because we are Australians. It's only the accident of place and of racial temperament that has prevented us from taking part just as keenly in, for example, pelota, jai alai, bullfighting, the grid game and cock-fighting.**

**I**N their own countries, these sports are followed with every bit the enthusiasm we display toward ours. And, just for interest, we hope to present the details of some of them to you in Tattersall's Club Magazine.

This month let's have a look at the sport of bull-fighting. If you have formed any opinion about bull-fighting, you probably think of it as rather a messy business and not a sport at all; but at least it shares with big-game hunting the distinction of being one of the few man-versus-animal sports where the animal has some reasonable chance of winning. There is quite a part of a cemetery near Seville where are buried some of the bull-fighters who came out on the losing end.

Bull-fighting is one of the survivals of the "sports" of the Roman era; some of its customs are believed to date back that far. Still popular through Spain, the South of France, Portugal, and in some of the New World countries like Mexico, it

has its centre in Seville. It is with the customs of the Sevillian arena that this article deals—the customs vary between one province and another with several series of "local rules."

The protagonists are the bull and the matador. The bull is bred as carefully as a racing thoroughbred; fed, coddled, tantalised and trained to bring him to the contest in the finest of fighting trim. Generally, he is a four-year old; dark, strong and lean, with short forward-curving horns and an immense hump of tossing-muscle which keeps him holding his head high until he actually charges. The whole art and purpose of the matador is to tire and weaken this muscle to get the bull in position with his head "down" for the final killing sword-stroke between the shoulder-blades. To help him, the matador has a team of experts and a three-part ritual; the bull has no help apart from his own fighting strength and a "time-limit," generally fifteen minutes.

The bull-fight, in the immense white-sanded arena of Seville, usually starts after the heat of the day has passed, about five o'clock. First part of the show is the grand parade, with the matadors leading, followed by the banderilleros and picadores and the ring attendants and officials bringing up the rear. Traditional uniform for matadors is a gold and silver embroidered silk coat, breeches of white satin, a flat-brimmed black hat, and —the real badge-of-office—a short pigtail worn over the collar. The other members of the teams are dressed to match, so the grand parade is something to remember.

When the parade has circled the ring, the president of the arena formally throws the key of the bull enclosures down to the sand, a signal for the fun to begin and for the ring to be completely cleared except for the first matador and his team. With a wary eye at the sun, the matador places his two mounted assistants (picadores) and four steel-dart experts (banderilleros) as strategically as a cricket captain.

To the sound of a trumpet, the bull makes his entrance. To put him in the proper mood, a steel skewer carrying the col-



ours of his stud is stuck into his neck as he passes through the gates. With a snort of rage, he plants the blame for this outrage on the largest things he can see moving, the mounted picadores. The technique of the horsemen is to keep circling the arena with their right side, heavily padded, toward the centre; they are armed with a lance apiece, tipped with a short, rather stubby spike.

The shrewd and experienced matador sums up the mood and method of his bull in the first few seconds. As the animal charges towards a picador, he flicks his red-lined fighting cape at him. Momentarily distracted by the movement, the bull becomes the target for the picador's lance. Next time, if he has learnt by experience, the bull is not so easily put off, and upsets the other horse and rider with a sickening thud. From this type of encounter, most picadores get up to fight again, but the horses do not.

Immediately the second act of the drama begins — the placing of the *banderilleros*. These steel-barbed darts, about eighteen inches long, are held by the *banderilleros*, one in each hand. Assisted by the distracting passes of the matador's cape, the man stands perfectly still in front of the bull and, as the animal charges, leaps aside and plants the pair of darts fair in the tossing-muscle as the half-ton body sweeps past. This planting of four pairs of darts is a ticklish business. *Banderilleros* are generally aspir-

ants for matador honours, to which they graduate if they survive.

For the third act, every one leaves the ring except the matador, who briefly goes through the ritual of dedicating the bull — in the old days to a Saint or lady, now to some prominent advertiser. Then, with cape and *muleta*, a square of scarlet cloth with a stick through the centre, the matador gives a graceful and thrilling display of playing the bull. Spectators are quick to judge his technique of traditional movements — like judging a batsman's strokes at cricket.

Fought to a standstill, the bull at last stands still, his head drooping, sweat and blood

flecked. Holding the animal's attention with the *muleta*, the matador raises his sword level with his chin, walks up to the animal and plunges the sword downward to the heart, and the bull becomes beef.

Mostly the full entertainment consists of a run of six bulls, each matador and his team taking a pair.

To glance at the other side of the picture, if the matador fails to make the kill before the time-limit expires, he becomes the butt of howls of derision, ripe fruit, bottle tops and anything else the audience cares to throw. And the bull is herded out of the arena to be used for breeding, or to become beef by some simpler method.

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## ***The First Starting Gate?***



*This picture, taken from a painting of about 1835, appeared in the English "Country Life." The editor of that paper comments that the event was probably a provincial one, showing the start by the opening of a gate of a Galloway or pony race of the early 1830's.*



# SUMMARY OF SPORTS

## CRICKET

**C**RITICISED and derided both in England and Australia when selected, Freddie Brown's M.C.C. team has given its critics one or two shocks in this season's Test series.

As expected, Australia has retained the "Ashes," which it has held since Woodfull's team won them back on the English tour of 1930.

But the struggle has not been as one-sided as the statistical record may appear. Only once in the first two Tests did Australia score more than 200.

In the Brisbane Test the English attack, led by big Alec Bedser and Trevor Bailey, put the all-conquering Australians out for 228 on a good pitch.

Down in Melbourne they repeated the dose, dismissing Australia for 194 and 181 — and some of the Australian players admitted later that there was nothing much wrong with the pitch.

Unfortunately for the stout-hearted Fred Brown, his batsmen did not show the same skill and fighting heart, though he twice did his best to inspire them.

Len Hutton, in Brisbane, Melbourne, and then in Sydney, showed that he is at present the finest batsman in the world, superbly equipped in stroke play, and as ready as his skipper to carry the attack to the enemy.

At Brisbane, when the weather took a hand and a rain-soaked pitch swung the play against England, Hutton's 62 not out was a forlorn hope that already is something of a cricket legend.

Before the tour began the

Englishmen had heard much of Jack Iverson, the 35-year-old Melbourne real estate man who had not seen a Test until he played in one at Brisbane this season.

Down in Melbourne he took four wickets for 37 and two for 36 in the second Test. Here in Sydney he had his triumph.

But first the mercurial Keith Miller proved himself the world's outstanding all-rounder. He sent back Washbrook with a superb slip catch, then took four valuable wickets for 37 when the game was slipping away from Australia.

Not content with this, Miller came out the next day to score a fighting 145 not out, the best innings of the Test series.

On a wearing pitch Iverson crushed England's hopes, already sadly diminished by the unfortunate accidents to bowlers Wright and Bailey. From 20 overs he took six wickets for

27. None could stand against his vicious spin.

But the burly Brown, who top-scored with 79 in England's first innings, then bowled all one day virtually without relief when his men were hurt, shared the honours of the Test, and of the series, with the Australians.

For Brown life may not begin at 40, but his 40th year has brought his greatest personal triumph, as leader and protagonist.

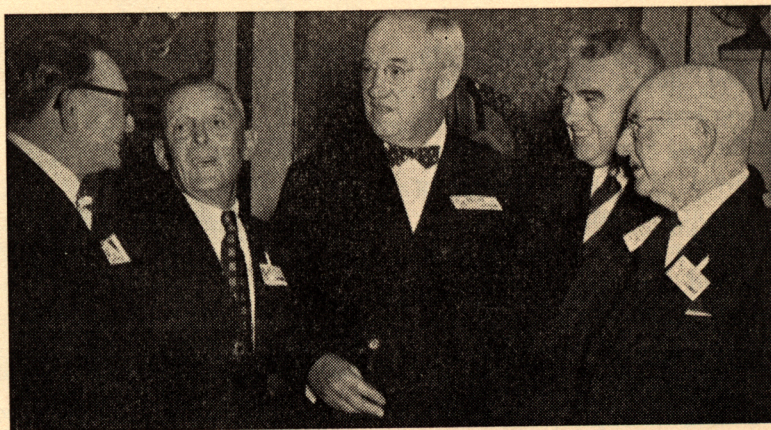
## ATHLETICS

**T**HE Australian track and field games' championships at Hobart on March 3 and 5 are not expected to produce times that will startle the imagination, but the performances of some of the interstate athletes will be worth watching.

There will be more than ordinary interest in the running of young Bill de Gruchy of Western Australia, Jim Bailey

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## Happy Gathering at "Carlton"



*A group of members who attended the reception given to jockey Edgar Britt at the Carlton Hotel recently. From left: Harry Plant, Stan Lamond, Joe Matthews, Alf Collins, Neil McKenna.*



# TOPICS

## *in 60-second sketches*

(N.S.W.), and the hurdling of George Gedge, also of Sydney.

The series of successes which the 20-year-old Western Australian sprinter Bill de Gruchy enjoyed at the Canterbury Centenary Games in Christchurch New Zealand early this year against some of the best sprinters in the world bring him into discussion as being the most likely runner to defeat Australian champion John Treloar.

Treloar has repeatedly defeated de Gruchy in title events, and there is no reason to hold the view that he cannot retain his superiority inasmuch as recently Treloar ran a slashing 100 yards on a wet track at Henson Park in 9.7s.

This run equalled the times of de Gruchy against the noted 1948 Olympic 100 metres finalist, Emanuel McDonald Bailey (Trinidad and England) and American champion Arthur Bragg at Christchurch, and was done by Treloar after little serious preparation.

Like most N.S.W. athletes, Treloar suffered setbacks in his training because of University examinations and a period in which rain interfered with training and competitions, but he showed in the run that he is as brilliant as ever.

Treloar is more serious about the 1952 Olympic Games at Helsinki than many may be aware. After the championships he is going to England for a season on the Continental tracks and by the time the Helsinki Games are held he should be down to world times.

De Gruchy is looked upon as a likely Olympic Games athlete and his performances stamp him

as being Australia's most improved sprinter.

He was runner-up to Treloar in the 1950 Australian championships last year in Australia and finished close to Treloar in the Empire Games 100 yards at Auckland when Treloar won in 9.7s. after breaking the Games' record earlier with a heat time of 9.6s.

De Gruchy is being trained in Western Australia by a former professional sprinter, Austin Robertson, who won the "world's" professional championship years ago and who toured the world.

Robertson has also been associated with the running of Shirley Strickland, who is near the best in the world over the hurdles and sprints.

Two young New South Wales runners in the championships are regarded as being the best material Australia has.

They are both of the St. George club. In 20-year-old George Gedge, holder of the Australian 220 yards hurdling championship, this State has a potential Olympic Games competitor. Gedge went to the British Empire Games at Auckland at his own expense and finished fourth in the 440 yards hurdles to Duncan White (Ceylon), J. Holland (N.Z.), and Australian 440 yards champion Geoff Goodacre (N.S.W.).

But the runner who is likely to shatter records in the next season or two appears to be a young scientist, Jim Bailey, aged 19.

Bailey is probably the best half miler in Australia to-day and recently he ran a smart 880 yards on a new cinder track

in Melbourne in 1m. 56.2s. This time was the best in Australia this season.

The young St. George runner is strongly built and has plenty of stamina and courage, but like many first-class athletes suffers severely from "nerves" before the start.

The effect of the rain on the preparation of New South Wales athletes for the national events may result in this State losing the coveted Shield donated by the late Mr. Richard Coombes for interstate teams performances.

N.S.W. won it at the 1950 Australian championships held in Adelaide, but this time the task to hold it will be extremely difficult.

The Victorian and Western Australian teams are strong and their athletes have enjoyed the benefit of fine weather and plenty of competition.

However, N.S.W. holds several championships and amongst those defending them will be John Treloar (100 yards and 220 yards); George Gedge (220 yds. hurdles); Geoff Goodacre (440 yards hurdles); Peter Denton (pole vault); and Keith Pardon (hammer throw).

### **SPEEDWAY**

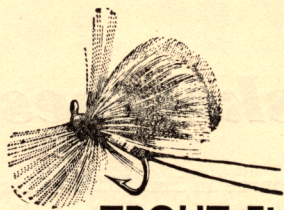
**O**N his ninth trip to Australia, England's 43-year-old captain, Jack Parker, has been the star of this summer's speedway racing in Australia.

But the Australian captain, Aub Lawson, has not been far behind—perhaps a little ahead in popularity with local fans.

Parker has carried off the three biggest trophy races of the

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## FLASH-BACK ON RACING

# "Daylight Entries" Were Once the Vogue

**Racing in Sydney is now conducted without fear of a shortage of entries for any event, but it wasn't always that way.**

**F**OR instance, reading from newspapers published upwards of 100 years ago and which recently came into the possession of Club member, Mr. A. G. Connolly, one finds interesting race club advertisements indicating a paucity of entries which then was apparently of frequent occurrence and probably not to be unexpected at that time.

One of the most interesting features of those early times was the taking of daylight nominations the morning before the holding of the race meeting, actually between 5 a.m. and 8 a.m.

Sydney "Gazette and N.S.W. Advertiser," of April 2, 1833, listed the following advertisement, which will probably seem a bit queer to Club members:

### "Sydney Races

"Committee of the N.S.W. Sydney Subscription Race Course have to acquaint the Public that the first meeting will be held on Wednesday 17 and Friday 19 of the ensuing month when the following Stakes and Purses will be run for:

### "First Day

"His Excellency the Governor's Cup, added to Stakes of £5 each for horses of all ages. Heats

twice round the course, weight for age. If four or more horses be entered the second horse to save his stake. Three entries or no race.

"A Trial (£5) and Maiden (£30) also figured on the programme.

### "Second Day

"Town Plate of £50 for all ages. Heats twice round the course. Winner of any Cup to carry not less than an extra seven pounds. Two entries or no race. Heats twice round the course, weight for age.

"Ladies' Purse (£25), w.f.a. and a Handicap Stakes of £5 with £10 added from the Subscription fund also appeared on the programme.

"Entries for the Governor's Cup and each of the Stakes, £2, for others £4, to be made with the clerk of the course day previous to the race between 5 and 8 a.m.

"Stewards: Captain Hunter, Messrs. Hayward and Icely."

The advertisement added "the public are invited to subscribe to the six events and a list of subscriptions will be found at both banks.

The "banks" were not named nor was there any indication of the public's expected generosity or possible lack of it. Name of



the racetrack was also not on record.

Geldings and mares were allowed three pounds under the weight for age scale as then existent.

Actual weights carried will interest Club members who make it a habit of closely following this feature of racing. They were: Aged horse, 9st. 7lbs.; 6 years, 9st.; 5 years, 8st. 7lbs.; 4 years, 8st.; 3 years, 7st. 7lbs.; two years, 7st.

Evidently the juveniles took on all-comers of the period.

To-day's w.f.a. scale differs considerably from those early times when apparently the four-year-olds were on velvet with 8 stone in any contest under the scale. To-day they carry 9st. in all weight for age contests and over all distances. There is no variation so far as they are concerned.

Two-year-olds carry 7st. in February only and only at 6 furlongs or less. Mares are allowed five pounds early in the season, tapering to two from April till July 31. Unless otherwise specified in race conditions geldings are allowed three pounds.

Another Australian rule of racing (152) provides for scale allowances for horses sired north of the line between January 1 and July 31.

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## OBITUARIES

P. H. GOLDSTEIN—Elected 19/10/1936; Died 4/1/1951.

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# LINDSAY HASSETT

## Captain and Diplomat

**Mr. A. L. Hassett, of Victoria, Captain of the Australian cricket team that toured South Africa last year, and captain again of Australia against the M.C.C. in the present Test series, has many assets apart from the capacity to win more than his share of the toss.**

**L**INDSAY HASSETT served his apprenticeship (if we can use the term) in the captaincy under the dour, hard, inflexible Don Bradman. But he combines Bradman's keenness, Bradman's mastery of the intricacies of cricket tactics, with a natural ebullience of spirit and a warm friendliness that have made him one of the best-liked of Australian captains, both by his own team and by the opposition.

Dudley Nourse, South African captain during the 1950 tour of Hassett's team, praised Lindsay in the warmest terms, saying that the Australians were one of the happiest and most popular teams ever to visit South Africa. Seeing that the South Africans had taken a 5-0 beating in the test series on the one hand, and that Hassett was below his usual bright par because of tonsillitis on the other, that was praise indeed. People close to big cricket say without fear of contradiction that they have never heard Lindsay Hassett say an unkind or

an unjust word, never known him stoop to an unworthy action. Any man who can keep his sense of proportion and his faith in human nature under the spotlight of international competitive sport, is worth a moment's study.

Now 37, Lindsay Hassett was born in Geelong, Vic. He began his cricket in the home backyard, playing with his five older brothers. He played for Geelong Grammar, and at 17 had reached grade standard for South Melbourne. Two years later he was representing Victoria in the Sheffield Shield team; except for a break during the war years, he has played for Victoria ever since.

He toured England with the Australian team in 1938, knocking up five centuries. During the war, he served with the A.I.F. in the Middle East and later in New Guinea, in the artillery. After a bad bout of malaria, he was sent to England as captain of the Australian Services team, a morale-building idea that did an excellent job.



(Photo. courtesy "S.M.H.")

This team toured England in 1945, then India, and finally Australia on their return.

Hassett played again for Australia when the test series were resumed with the M.C.C.'s visit in 1946, his highlight being a fighting 128 in the first test. In 1948, he was appointed vice-captain to Bradman during the Australians' victorious tour of England. The positions were reversed when he captained a side in the Kippax-Oldfield testimonial at the S.C.G. in February, 1949—Bradman's last Sydney appearance in big cricket.

The Hassetts are a sporting family. Lindsay's brother Harry represented Australia at tennis in the Philippines some years back. Brother Dick played Sheffield Shield cricket. Brother Vincent is a Victorian country player of note. Lindsay, himself, plays almost anything that requires a keen eye and good co-ordination. His tennis and squash are well above average. For a while he played golf off the three mark. In England, before the war, he had a go at Soccer. As a cricketer he is in the top rank. After the 1948

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tour of England he was placed as one of Wisden's five "cricketers of the year," a signal honour for an Australian. He plays spin bowling with the confidence that comes of perfect style and footwork. A small man, Hassett can stroke the ball very hard; and fielding in the covers, he has surprised many a batsman with the amount of space from which he can gather a catch. His bowling is confined to the nets, being steady rather than spectacular. Highlights of his batting, apart from the several mentioned, have been a 122 in each innings of a Sheffield Shield match v. N.S.W. in 1939; 127 v. Northamptonshire in 1948; 109 in the first test, and 167 in the 5th test against South Africa in 1950.

But it is off the field that the real Hassett emerges. Always laughing and joking, Lindsay is good company, entertaining company. He loves to conduct choruses — he and Bill O'Reilly were a fine harmony pair. Many stories are told of Hassett's practical joking, the best known being the account of the goat introduced into McCabe's room in England in 1945. He likes an occasional glass of beer, thoroughly enjoys the movies. In private life he is the owner of a sports-goods shop in Melbourne.

He is so popular that when he said in South Africa last year that the introduction of professionalism into Australian cricket was desirable, and only a matter of time, the Australian Board of Control half-heartedly agreed, instead of roundly rebuking him for this heresy. Probably they are wondering who will replace Hassett if he carries out his threat to retire from big cricket at the end of this season.

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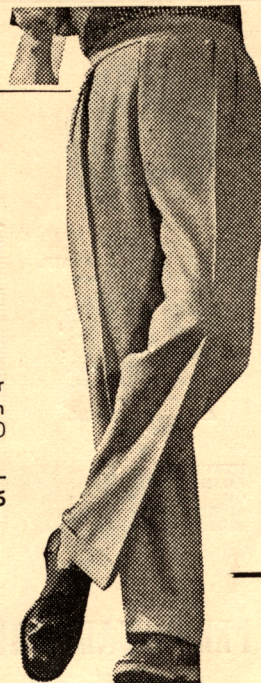
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**NEIL McKENNA**

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From then on the city claimed all his attention, and he held his trainer's licence for 41 years.

Horseracing was not his only interest. Probably he is one of the oldest of the members of the Labour League in N.S.W. It was not a casual interest by any means because he was for five years president of the Coogee branch of the organisation.

His concern in Local Government affairs was just as keen, and led to his being a member of Waterloo Municipal Council for six terms, on two occasions occupying the position of Deputy Mayor.

Charitable movements, particularly those among his fellow racing men, find him ever ready to lend his assistance.

A few years ago he announced his retirement as a trainer; he would have had people believe he intended retiring from everything else, too.

As though Neil McKenna could retire!

To be true he does not train horses nor is his betting anything like the volume it used to be.

But the routine is still there—pottering round the tracks, a regular at the Club, always at the races.

And why not? He owns to the 77 years but looks 66 if that; clubmen say that perhaps at 88 he might settle back into the easy chair a bit . . . but that is a long way off, and in the meantime there's a lot of pleasure and good listening to the philosophy and witticism of one of the finest characters the riding and training profession has produced.





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There are, of course, many variations, but the usual Calcutta is a combination of the ticket-drawing of an ordinary sweep, with the sale by auction of each drawn horse to boost the pool to a figure far higher than the net proceeds from the sale of tickets alone. In each case, after the horse is “sold,” the original ticket-holder receives half the proceeds of the sale, the pool the other half.

Say, for example, the race is the English Derby with thirty runners. Five hundred tickets at £5 would give a pool of £2,500. Tickets are drawn against en-

tries, which might amount to fifty; ticket-holders who draw an entry which does not finally accept get their £5 refunded as a consolation—leaving in this case a pool of £2,400. The night before the race, each drawn runner is “sold” by auction, the proceeds going half to the pool, half to the holder of the ticket. If the holder wanted to retain his full interest, he must make the highest bid and pay half the figure into the pool. If the favourite was starting at 5-1, a bid of at least £500 for the ticket in the favourite would be good odds—remembering that half the £500, plus half the bids for all the other horses as they come up, adds to the pool and improves the odds. In this case, the pool might reach £8,000.

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The Magazine 21 Years Ago

# Looking Back on Tattersall's Club

★ February, 1930

**A** WRITER in the magazine of February, 1930, jumped into the oldest racing argument with both feet. He said in no uncertain terms that the thoroughbreds of 1930 could lick the champions of 1900 hollow, and quoted records to prove it. He was hotly answered in a later issue, the author of the second article pointing out that comparison was impossible with the great change in quality of tracks in the thirty years; and, more particularly, the change in jockeys' "seat," and the tendency to shorten the distance of races. The argument still goes on to-day, of course. Not many of the horses' names shown as record-holders would appear on a 1951 list. And the answers to the figures are less valid than they were.

**A** BITTER and biting article on unemployment was one of the few indications of the difficulties that were being faced by many members in those depression years.

**F**EBRUARY, 1930, was marked by the formation of new committees for various activities inside and outside the Club. A Bridge Club had as President Mr. Jerome Dowling; Committee, Messrs. Burleigh, Cantor and Rogan; Hon. Sec., W. Dalley. On 22nd January, we played a match with the Millions Club and won easily.

**A** BOWLS Sub-Committee consisted of Messrs. E. D. Clark, M. J. Kinnane and H. D. Matthews. A companion Sub-Committee for Cricket was formed of Messrs. Warwick Armstrong, M. Polsen and G. J. Watson. These two groups were provisional, to explore the possibilities of competitions.

**S**PORT was in the ascendant. Events were being raced in the swimming pool every week. During January, John Dewar and Sons Ltd. donated the "Dewar Trophy," a solid silver cup to be competed for on a yearly points basis. Secretary of the Swimming Club was Mr. J. Dexter—the name sounds familiar.

**T**HE Domino Championship was finally completed, with Mr. C. K. Sharpe beating Mr. W. K. Garnsey by 102.

**P**ERSONAL notes of February, 1930: E. A. Connolly left hospital in Melbourne after a long illness. Sol Green had completed arrangements to take his champion horse Strephon to race in England. Congratulations to Mr. W. Pearson, owner of champion Amounis. Clifford Coles returned from England. Congratulations to H. G. Kirkpatrick, owner of the filly Gay Ballerina. Mr. R. J. Milbanke was visiting the Club in the interest of the Irish Bloodstock Agency.

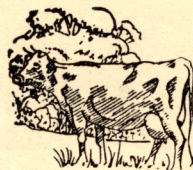
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### MARCH

Sydney Turf Club ..... Sat. 3  
(At Canterbury Park)  
Sydney Turf Club ..... Sat. 10  
(At Rosehill)  
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) ..... Sat. 17  
Australian Jockey Club ..... Sat. 24  
Australian Jockey Club ..... Mon. 26  
Australian Jockey Club ..... Wed. 28  
Australian Jockey Club ..... Sat. 31

### APRIL

City Tattersall's Club ..... Sat. 7  
(At Randwick)  
Sydney Turf Club ..... Sat. 14  
(At Rosehill)  
Sydney Turf Club ..... Sat. 21  
(At Rosehill)  
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) ..... Sat. 28

### MAY

Tattersall's Club ..... Sat. 5  
(At Randwick)  
Australian Jockey Club ..... Wed. 9  
Sydney Turf Club ..... Sat. 12  
(At Canterbury Park)  
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) ..... Sat. 19  
Sydney Turf Club ..... Sat. 26  
(At Canterbury Park)

### JUNE

A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) ..... Sat. 2  
Australian Jockey Club ..... Sat. 9  
Australian Jockey Club ..... Mon. 11  
Sydney Turf Club ..... Sat. 16  
(At Moorefield)  
Sydney Turf Club ..... Sat. 23  
(At Rosehill)

Australian Jockey Club ..... Sat. 30

### JULY

Sydney Turf Club ..... Sat. 7  
(At Canterbury Park)  
Sydney Turf Club ..... Sat. 14  
(At Canterbury Park)  
Sydney Turf Club ..... Sat. 21  
(At Rosehill)  
Sydney Turf Club ..... Sat. 28  
(At Rosehill)

### AUGUST

Sydney Turf Club ..... Sat. 4  
(At Canterbury Park)  
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) ..... Mon. 6  
Sydney Turf Club ..... Sat. 11  
(At Canterbury Park)  
Hawkesbury Race Club ..... Sat. 18  
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) ..... Sat. 25

### SEPTEMBER

Sydney Turf Club ..... Sat. 1  
(At Canterbury Park)  
Tattersall's Club ..... Sat. 8  
(At Randwick)  
Sydney Turf Club ..... Sat. 15  
(At Rosehill)  
Sydney Turf Club ..... Sat. 22  
(At Rosehill)  
Australian Jockey Club ..... Sat. 29

### OCTOBER

Australian Jockey Club ..... Mon. 1  
Australian Jockey Club ..... Wed. 3  
Australian Jockey Club ..... Sat. 6  
City Tattersall's Club ..... Sat. 13  
(At Randwick)  
Sydney Turf Club ..... Sat. 20  
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Sydney Turf Club ..... Sat. 27  
(At Rosehill)

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(At Randwick)



# Summary of Sports Topics

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season—the N.S.W. 3-lap championship, the Australian 3-lap championship, and the Jubilee championship, with its fine trophy.

Lawson was runner-up for the N.S.W. title, a broken chain ruining his chances in the final heat. He finished third, behind Keith Ryan, in the Australian championship, and was trailing Parker again in the Jubilee trophy race.

Australia's greater experience and team strength has given the home side a three-nil lead in the Test matches, even though it has lost Ken Le Breton, who died from injuries received in the second Test at the Sports Ground, and Graham Warren, who went to New Zealand after the first, but has since been badly injured there.

## TENNIS

TENNIS this summer has definitely moved into the "big sport" field in Australia.

The regaining of the Davis Cup from the United States, and the presence in this country of the U.S. champion, Art Larsen, and the highly-ranked Dick Savitt, have contributed to this.

Lack of seating space alone has limited crowds in Sydney to from 7,000 to 8,000—the capacity of the White City centre courts.

Gates have passed the £1,000 mark a number of times this season, not only in Sydney but in other capitals.

The tour by the two Americans has been highlighted by the clashes of Larsen with the Australian champion, Frank Sedgman, and Ken McGregor, who

plunged into the limelight with a sensational singles victory in the Davis Cup Challenge Round.

Larsen and Sedgman met four times in big tournaments. Sedgman won three times, lost only the N.S.W. championship.

Larsen beat McGregor in the Queensland, N.S.W., Victorian and South Australian championships — each time in a semi-final — but the big Victorian turned the tables in the Australian singles.

He turned the tables with a four set victory, while Larsen's companion, Savitt, caused a shock defeat of Sedgman. In the final, Savitt went on to score with a fine win from McGregor.

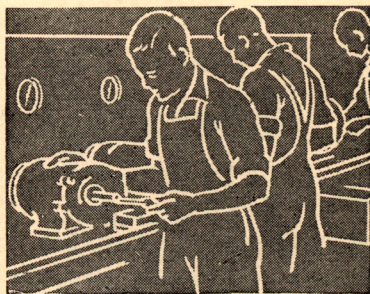
The improvement in the tactics and play of Mervyn Rose, the young Victorian lefthander, and the steady development of Sydney's 15-year-old star, Ken Rosewall, were other outstanding features of an eventful season.

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# PICTURES OF THE MONTH



**CLUB BOWLERS AT DOUBLE BAY.** *From left—Back row: Ken Williams, C. Traversi, A. Bloomfield, F. Krieger. Front: Charlie Young, Gordon Booth, E. Dewdney (Pres.), Harold Hill.*



*Above—Winners of fours competition: A. Bavinton, A. Price, C. Young, K. Williams. Right—The runners-up: A. McDonald, C. M. Glynn, E. Collins, J. Ruibven.*



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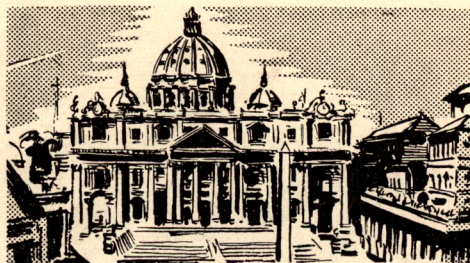


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